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Pa. DEP chief: Federal regulators have 'rudimentary' understanding of contamination in Dimock

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ALLENTOWN, Pa. — Pennsylvania's environmental chief says the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has only a "rudimentary" understanding of the contamination in Dimock, the northeastern Pennsylvania village where residential water wells were fouled by a gas driller.

Environmental Secretary Michael Krancer asserts EPA is in the "very early stages of its learning curve" as it investigates the case.

Krancer allowed Houston-based driller Cabot Oil & Gas Corp. to halt deliveries of fresh water to a dozen households in Dimock more than a month ago. The EPA is considering a plan to send water to Dimock itself.

Krancer made his comments in a letter to an EPA administrator in Philadelphia. An EPA spokeswoman had no immediate comment Tuesday.

StateImpact Pennsylvania, a collaboration of NPR and public radio stations in Philadelphia and Harrisburg, first reported on the letter Monday night.